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WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING RECAP

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*Cardinal sets Pac-10 record to win 200 medley relay before taking third in 800 free relay during abbreviated opening session

Stanford In Second Place After First Day Of 2007 Pac-10 Championships

Long Beach, Calif. – Stanford's victorious 200 medley relay team set new Pac-10 and schools records on the first day of the 2007 Pac-10 Women's Swimming Championships on Wednesday at the Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool. The Cardinal is in second place after the first two events of the meet with 118 points with California's 120 leading the meet. Fiona O'Donnell-McCarthy, Caroline Bruce, Elaine Breeden and Brooke Bishop checked in with a time of 1:37.71 to beat the eight-year-old records set by Stanford's Shelly Ripple, Whitney Leatherwood, Misty Hyman and Gabrielle Rose by six-hundredths of a second. The time was also the best in the nation by a collegiate team this season.

"Winning the opening event of the meet the way we did with our personnel not even totally rested for this meet was a great way to start," said Stanford head coach Lea Maurer.

An 800 free relay team of Julia Smit, Whitney Spence, Elizabeth Durot and Desiree Stahley took third in a time of 7:06.59 behind California (7:05.59) and Arizona (7:06.11) with all three teams shattering the previous Pac-10 meet record of 7:08.13 set by California in 2004.

"All three teams raced really tough," commented Maurer.

Both of Stanford's winning relays met the NCAA 'A' standard as did Smit in the 200 free with her leadoff leg of the 800 free relay.

Stanford also had a 'B' team compete in the 200 medley relay as Caroline Rodriguez, Danielle Gonzales, Laura Wadden and Nilasha Ghosh checked in with a time of 1:43.17.

Oregon State and USC are tied for third after the first day of the meet with 100 points, followed by UCLA and Washington (96), Washington (88), Arizona (56) and Arizona State (54). Both Arizona (200 medley relay) and Arizona State (800 free relay) suffered disqualifications.

The diving competition was held last Friday-Sunday in Federal Way, Washington, but none of the points have been entered into the team totals yet. Stanford's Cassidy Krug won two of the three events with victories in the 1-meter and 3-meter diving competitions.

The four-day meet continues Thursday-Saturday with prelims (11 am, PT) and finals (6 pm, PT) to be conducted each day. Events contested Thursday include the 500 free, 200 IM, 50 free and 200 free relay with only a finals session for the relay event. The swimmers will also have one final chance to qualify for the 2007 NCAA Championships at the Pac-10 Invite on Sunday, February 18 (11 am, PT).

"We raced well today and got some of the jitters out of the way," stated Maurer. "We are going to come back tomorrow and see what we can do."

TEAM SCORES (THRU DAY 1 OF 4/EVENTS 2 OF 21)

1. California 120, 2. Stanford 118, 3T. USC 100, 3T. Oregon State 100, 5T. UCLA 96, 5T. Washington 96, 7. Washington State 88, 8. Arizona 56, 9. Arizona State 54

COMPLETE INDIVIDUAL RESULTS (DAY 1 OF 4/EVENTS 1-2 OF 21)

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WINNER AND ALL STANFORD PARTICIPANTS ONLY

Pl Name/School Time

Event 1 - 200 Yard Medley Relay

1 Stanford 'A' (Fiona O'Donnell-McCarthy 25.41, Caroline Bruce 27.80, Elaine Breeden 22.72, Brooke Bishop 21.78) 1:37.71 A, P, PM, S
2 Stanford 'B' (Caroline Rodriguez 25.87, Danielle Gonzales 30.08, Laura Wadden 24.57, Nilasha Ghosh 22.65) 1:43.17

Event 2 - 800 Yard Freestyle Relay

1 California 'A' (Dana Vollmer 1:43.95 A, Lauren Boyle 1:48.52, Rachel Ridgeway 1:48.02, Erin Reilly 1:45.10) 7:05.59 A, P, PM
3 Stanford 'A' (Julia Smit 1:45.41 A, Whitney Spence 1:47.66, Elizabeth Durot 1:46.63, Desiree Stahley 1:46.89) 7:06.59 A

P=Pac-10 Record

PM=Pac-10 Meet Record

S=Stanford Record

A=NCAA 'A' Standard

B=NCAA 'B' Standard